ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 3, 2026 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | ARTIST: LUCA SIGNORELLI

FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Sunday to you all! This Sunday, the Gospel encourages us to reflect upon our relationship with God the Father. Jesus came to reveal the Father and to lead us into an abiding relationship with Him. Sometimes it can be easy for us to be content with a close relationship with Jesus and/or the Holy Spirit, while remaining somewhat distant from the Father. By His work, Jesus brings about conversion and calls us to repentance and change into a new way of life, drawn together with our brothers and sisters into a "spiritual house." The Holy Spirit also gives us great gifts such as peace and fortitude, helping us to live as Christians, serve the poor and proclaim the Word. Both of these relationships are dynamic, often leading to change and transformation in our lives. In relating to the Father, on the other hand, it is more about remaining and abiding. It is simply about receiving His love. Because many of us are obsessed with change in our lives, it can be easy for us to focus inordinately on our relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit and undervalue simply coming before the Father. We (obviously) need to have a deep relationship with each Person of the Trinity, but I invite you all to spend time today or this week to come before the Father and abide in His love.

Month of Mary: Incredibly, we are entering into the month of May, during which, as a Church, we celebrate Mary in a particular way. This celebration is associated with the heights of springtime, a fitting natural parallel to Mary, who brought Christ our Life into the world. May 31st was also the traditional celebration of the Queenship of Mary, before the celebration of that feast was transferred to August. Ultimately, it is a great yearly opportunity to celebrate Mary, our Queen and Mother, and to renew our devotion to her. I encourage you all, among your families, households, or friends, to find a way to honor Our Lady this month, whether through daily practices or even one-time events.

Sacraments of Initiation: It was an incredible grace for me this week to celebrate both Confirmation and First Communion last weekend. I was proud and honored to witness 82 students being confirmed last Thursday (our parish joined Christ the King and St. Joseph's for the celebration). Then, it was wonderful to see the fulfillment of the desire of those receiving their First Communion, several of whom I know were counting down the days. In both cases, I could see a distinct joy and peace that they were finally able to receive a gift for which they truly longed.

God Bless You, *Fr. Jack*

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Monday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

WE EXIST TO FORM A COMMUNITY OF SPIRIT-FILLED MISSIONARY DISCIPLES OF JESUS

As the Diocese of Lansing prepares for the transition following Bishop Earl Boyea, all the faithful are encouraged to pray for our next bishop. Over the next nine weeks, we will pray for the sixth Bishop of Lansing at all Masses. We also encourage our parishioners to keep this intention in their personal prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE SIXTH BISHOP OF LANSING

Heavenly Father, Shepherd of your people,
we place our hope and trust in you
as we await the one you are calling
to serve as our next bishop.

Give us a shepherd after your own heart
to preach the Gospel,
to lead your people in holiness,
and to govern your flock with wisdom.

May he be constant in charity,
gentle in service,
discerning in spirit,
and a faithful steward of your mysteries.

May he invite all the faithful
to be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit,
to defend and serve the poor and vulnerable,
to proclaim the Gospel with courage,
and to be strengthened by living in community.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

"What we GIVE is what we have FROM the Lord" 1 Chronicles 29:14

Please scan the QR code or visit www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal to make a life-changing gift to DSA today!

Thank You!

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to the Spring Garden Clean-Up! Your time and effort help create a beautiful and welcoming space for our parish community and all who visit.

SJ Beat

Ongoing opportunities for prayer, formation, and community at SJB. Invite a friend and dive deeper into discipleship!

HOLY BREWS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH
7:00 PM
Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100

MEN'S MINISTRY MORNING

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH
6:00 AM
downstairs in the PLC

WORSHIP NIGHT

FRIDAY, MAY 15TH
6:30 PM
in the sanctuary

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD
after the 8 AM Mass
downstairs in the PLC

JUNE ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH, 5PM TO
SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH, 7:45AM
in the Adoration Chapel

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"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES

- APRIL 27TH – Being Catholic in a Non-Catholic World
- MAY 4TH – Ecumenism and other Religions
- MAY 11TH – Eucharist, A Model for Virtue

MONDAYS AT 6:30
downstairs in the PLC

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE FULL SCHEDULE.

Our Parish is looking to fill two open positions. Please review the job descriptions, consider applying, or pass them along to someone who may be a good fit.

- **PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER**
- **MEN'S CAMPUS MINISTRY COORDINATOR**

Most importantly, please pray that the Lord provides the right candidates for these roles.

APPLY HERE

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

At St. John the Baptist, we partner with families to intentionally form youth into joyful missionary disciples. We walk with families and youth in their discipleship journey, offering meaningful opportunities to grow in their faith and belong to a Christ-centered community.

Sign up for our email list to stay up to date on Youth Discipleship Opportunities including Family Faith Formation, Wildfire - Middle School Ministry, and High School Ministry.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN THE EMAIL LIST.

FOOD PANTRY

Through our Food Pantry, St. John the Baptist serves neighbors in need while inviting parishioners to live out Christ's call to love and serve others. Join us in this mission by volunteering, especially if you are bilingual (Spanish-speaking), or by spreading the word to those in need.

FOOD PANTRY HOURS
Thursdays from 6:00–7:30 PM.
Hours may vary during holidays.

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COFFEE KLATCH

Seniors of St. John the Baptist are invited to the Lounge Room in the school building on Wednesday and Thursday mornings after the 8 AM Mass for a social gathering. Enjoy coffee, tea, and treats while sharing conversation, prayer, and friendship as we build community together.

EVERY WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
FOLLOWING THE 8 AM MASS
THE LOUNGE

THE MYSTICAL DOCTOR: A LOOK AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS AND HIS WRITINGS

2026 marks the 300th anniversary of the canonization of St. John of the Cross and the 100th anniversary of his being named a Doctor of the Church. All are welcome for a morning of reflection with Fr. Gregory Veneklase, a priest of the Diocese of Marquette. The morning will begin with Mass at 8:30am, followed by refreshments, a talk, and Adoration.

SATURDAY, MAY 16
8:30 AM - NOON
CHRIST THE KING, ANN ARBOR
NO RSVP REQUIRED - *FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN*

MARRIAGE & BLENDED FAMILY RETREAT

The Marriage & the Blended Family Retreat is a formational, faith-filled weekend for couples entering or living in a second union, offering practical tools to build a strong, unified family. Rooted in the Smart Stepfamilies program, it addresses the real challenges of blended family life, including past experiences and co-parenting. Engaged and married couples are invited to take part in this supportive and honest environment.

MAY 29 - 30
ST. MARY MAGDALEN - BRIGHTON
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS!

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Through Scripture, the lives of the saints, and hands-on activities, children will learn, create, sing, and grow as Holy Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus.

JUNE 15 - 19
CHRIST THE KING, ANN ARBOR
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RISING
FROM THE ASHES REVIVAL

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The Archdiocese of Detroit extends a warm invitation to Catholics across Michigan to join the ***Rising from the Ashes Revival*** at the Huntington Place, a day to renew your faith in Jesus Christ and encounter Him more deeply in the Eucharist. Through inspiring speakers, vibrant praise and worship, and fellowship with Catholics from across the region, the day offers opportunities for prayer, formation, and community.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22
RISINGREVIVAL.ORG
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The SJB Apparel Store is now open! Browse a selection of practical, comfortable gear for all ages. A portion of each purchase comes back to the parish, supporting our ministries and strengthening our shared parish life. Orders can be placed online at your convenience. Take a look and represent SJB wherever you go!

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SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR...

Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
Rebecca McKenzie
Fred Hall
Tom Moffit
Ben Hunt
Peter Wadaga
Susan Jose

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the intercessions for healing or for those serving in the armed forces. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless you request an extension.

Our Book of Petitions is also available in the Gathering Space, and these intentions are prayed for at every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 4TH
12:15 PM: Intentions of Fr. Dan Kogut
Requested by Mary Tillotson

TUESDAY, MAY 5TH
6:00 PM: Intentions of Susan Jose
Requested by Sheila Phillippose

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH
8:00 AM: † Michaelah Stramecky
Requested by Maggie Sell

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH
6:00 PM: Intentions of James & Peggy Brannigan
Requested by Eileen Meyer

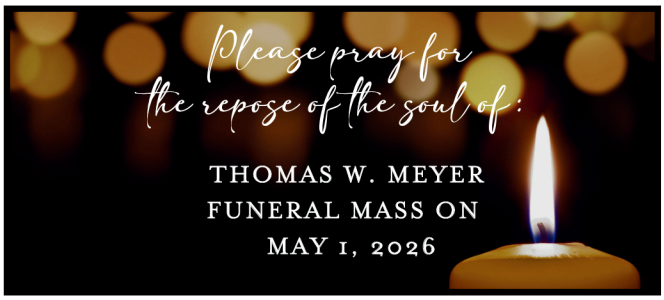
FRIDAY, MAY 8TH
3:00 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH
8:00 AM: † Valerie Gehringer
Requested by Joseph Gerhinger

5:00 PM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH
9:00 AM: † Douglass Nowling
Requested by Liz Richards

11 AM: People of the Parish



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"The words addressed by the crucified Lord to his disciple—to John and through him to all disciples of Jesus: "Behold, your mother!" (Jn 19:27)—are fulfilled anew in every generation. Mary has truly become the Mother of all believers. Men and women of every time and place have recourse to her motherly kindness and her virginal purity and grace, in all their needs and aspirations, their joys and sorrows, their moments of loneliness and their common endeavours. They constantly experience the gift of her goodness and the unfailing love which she pours out from the depths of her heart."

ENCYCLICAL LETTER
DEUS CARITAS EST
OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF
BENEDICT XVI

MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

In the month of May, the Church gives special honor to Mary all month long. This tradition has an early connection to ancient Greek and Roman customs in which they honored goddesses that were associated with fertility, blossoms, and beauty during springtime festivals.

By the 13th century, during medieval times, Marian devotions became more prevalent. The "Thirty Day Devotion to Mary" or "Lady Month" began during this time, although it did not always occur in the month of May. By the 18th century, the Catholic Church more firmly established the devotion in May. This was with the help of the Jesuits, who influenced the Church through their writings and strong practice of their devotion to Mary.

As Mary is the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church, we are invited to honor her and to ask her for her intercession this month. There are many ways we can do this. It is common to participate in a May Crowning, where normally a procession takes place with hymns and prayers, and a crown of flowers is placed on a statue of Mary as a symbol of her queenship.

Other ways to honor Mary this month include committing to a particular Marian devotion. Such as praying a daily Rosary, singing Marian hymns such as Salve Regina, praying the Angelus, or praying a novena, such as the Memorare. You can also plan to visit a Marian shrine, create a Marian prayer corner at home, participate in charitable acts, or read a book on Mary. These are just a few of the many ways we can venerate our Blessed Mother.

This month, let us take time to honor Our Lady and ask for her intercession, as she is the Mother of God and the Queen of Heaven, and she desires to draw us closer to her Son through her Immaculate Heart.

Mother Mary, pray for us!

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
MAY 9TH & MAY 10TH

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
USHERS		
Fred Burdick	John Belleba	Carol Wack
Jeff Decker	Angela Parrinello	Need Volunteer
Josh Reszke	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
GREETERS		
Rebecca Thomason	Marie Lenhardt	Shellly Czupinski
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Andy Winnie
LECTORS		
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Maggie Sell	Sarah Scholl	Theresa Urbanic
SACRISTAN		
Toni Esteva	Lucy Shaw	Judy Ramirez
ALTAR SERVERS		
Jordan Wells	Henry Meyer	Donald Cahalan
Need Volunteer	Roger Meyer	Jayden Smith
Need Volunteer	Thomas Meyer	Michael Stolarski

LAY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE AT OUR MASSES. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE AND RECEIVE TRAINING, CONTACT SR. MARY AT SRMARY@YPSICATHOLIC.ORG.

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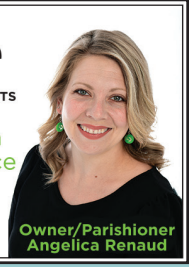
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